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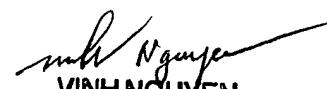
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1. The amendment filed on 28 April 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

claim 53 is an improper dependent claim because it depends on a cancelled claim 32. It should depend on claim 52 instead of claim 32.

claim 56 is an improper dependent claim because it depends on a canceled claim 42. It should depen on claim 55 instead of claim 42..


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